

# RISK ASSESSMENT



<b>Risk Assessment Title</b>	General Risk Assessment for Fencing Sessions			<b>Risk Matrix</b> <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td style="background-color: green;">5</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">10</td><td style="background-color: red;">15</td><td style="background-color: red;">20</td><td style="background-color: red;">25</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: green;">4</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">8</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">12</td><td style="background-color: red;">16</td><td style="background-color: red;">20</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: green;">3</td><td style="background-color: green;">6</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">9</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">12</td><td style="background-color: red;">15</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: green;">2</td><td style="background-color: green;">4</td><td style="background-color: green;">6</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">8</td><td style="background-color: yellow;">10</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: green;">1</td><td style="background-color: green;">2</td><td style="background-color: green;">3</td><td style="background-color: green;">4</td><td style="background-color: green;">5</td></tr> </table>					5	10	15	20	25	4	8	12	16	20	3	6	9	12	15	2	4	6	8	10	1	2	3	4	5	Red = High Yellow = Medium Green = Low  1-Minor      1-Very Unlikely 2-Moderate    2-Unlikely 3-Serious     3-Possible 4-Major       4-Likely 5-Fatality    5-Very Likely				
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<b>Location</b>	Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Rd, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, DN5 8BP																																					
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Hits to body with swords	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Bruises, small cuts, broken bones.	<b>5 x 2 10</b>	Wearing full protective clothing including Mask, glove (worn over cuff), plastron and chest protector (females) and jacket (or club jacket with integrated plastron).  Effective coaching on how to hit.  Explanation of safety rules on club induction.  Spectators seated at a safe distance from fencing activities.  Regular inspection of equipment to confirm suitability and identify damage or weak points.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>
Hits to head with sword (including Foil but especially with Epee and Sabre)	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Bruises, small cuts, broken bones, concussion.	<b>5 x 2 10</b>	Wearing of mask whilst taking part in fencing activities. Correct size and fitting mask.  Training to prevent hits to the back of the head.  Spectators seated at a safe distance from fencing activities.  Regular inspection of Club masks to identify damage or weak points.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>

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Hits to eyes	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Eye injury / loss of sight.	<b>5 x 1 15</b>	Wearing of mask whilst taking part in fencing activities.  Explanation of how to handle, carry and hold weapons safely when they are not in use.  Regular inspection of Club masks to identify damage or weak points.  Fencing bout / activity stopped if rules on mask wearing are broken.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>
Broken Blades	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Cuts, bruises, eye injuries (ejected fragments) and puncture wounds.	<b>5 x 2 10</b>	Blades checked before use.  Explanation of safety rules on club induction.  Straightening of blades by competent person.  Badly kinked blades taken out of use and disposed of.  Broken blades handed to coach for disposal.  Spectators seated at a safe distance from fencing activities.  Fencing bout / activity stopped as soon as a blade breaks.  Regular inspection of Club blades to identify damage or weak points.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>
Spectators	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Cuts, bruises, eye injuries (ejected fragments), broken bones, impact injuries and puncture wounds.	<b>5 x 2 10</b>	Spectator advised to sit around side of sports hall or on dedicated seating.  Fencing bouts halted where fencers are on the extremes of the piste / near to spectators.  Spectators directed by coaches to appropriate seating observing areas.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>

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Slips, trips and falls. (within the sports hall and whilst accessing the venue)	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Cuts, bruises, eye injuries, broken limbs and head injuries.	<b>5 x 2</b> <b>10</b>	Floors kept free from obstructions.  Fencing kit placed to side of sports hall to mitigate trip hazards.  Cage to store loose equipment.  Reporting to venue staff and clearing up spillages.  Absorbent matting on entry to the venue to permit wiping of feet.	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>
Defective Equipment	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Cuts, bruises, eye injuries, broken limbs, stab injuries and head injuries.	<b>5 x 10</b> <b>15</b>	Regular Inspection of weapons.  Removing broken weapons from service.  Repair or disposal of broken weapons.  Cessation of fencing when a broken weapons is evident.	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>
Musculoskeletal Injury	Fencers and Coaches	<b>5 x 2</b> <b>10</b>	Fencers undertake a warm up before each session.  Health condition questions part of Application form.  First aid personnel and first aid kit available within fencing hall.	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>
Dehydration of Fencers	Fencers and Coaches	<b>5 x 10</b> <b>15</b>	Fencers advise to bring a drink along to all fencing sessions.  Water fountain available at the venue.	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1</b> <b>5</b>

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Electrocution	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Contact with electrical conductors or faulty electrical equipment.	<b>5 x 10 15</b>	No mains electricity or mains powered electrical equipment used in the delivery of fencing sessions.  Battery (6v) powered scoring boxes used.  Equipment checked before use.  Student instructed on safe use.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>
Harmful Substances	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders, armourers and spectators.  Contact with harmful substances.	<b>5 x 10 15</b>	No harmful substances used in the delivery of fencing sessions.  Where required to repair / clean items such as points or sockets, an appropriate cleaning agent (such as contact cleaner) to be used by a competent person.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>
Abusive / Violent persons.	Fencers, Coaches, bystanders and spectators.  Contact with electrical conductors or faulty electrical equipment	<b>5 x 2 10</b>	Ability to call police / emergency services as required.  Diffusion techniques used by club personnel.  Removal of fencers to another part of the building.	<b>5 x 1 5</b>	No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>5 x 1 5</b>
First Aid Provision	n/a	n/a	All Coaches hold Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work Qualification.  First Aid kit maintained on site (in fencing equipment cage).  Charged mobile telephone available to call emergency services.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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